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Land Transport

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1. Soviet transports moving east in Poland were more intense during September and October 1947, with September showing the most for the period from June through October. More specifically, they were:

<u>Point of Observation</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
(a) Gdańsk	112 transports	75 transports
(b) Bydgoszcz	78	108
(c) Poznan	63	
(d) Wrocław	118	
(e) Katowice	152	169
(f) Łódź	69	123
(g) Warsaw	374	179

Most carried dismantled factories (mainly chemical), trucks and automobiles, road-building equipment, railroad cars and "Flora" (gondolas) (170 non gondolas rolled through Warsaw).

2. Appearance of undug 50 cm diameter sewer pipes and electric cable in 17 of the transports provides evidence that removal of equipment from Germany is being speeded up. In late September much armored equipment cut into scrap was noted. Increased train movements, carrying mostly rails, cement and coal, were noted along the Białystok-Krzeszowice line. All trains are escorted by Soviet Army personnel and are closely connected with construction of strategic defenses and new railroad lines, probably on the eastern border of Poland.

Sea Transport

3. The following shipments were sent east from Gdańsk between 1 Sep and 15 Oct 47:

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<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Otto Schmidt	20 Aug	None	1 Sep	3000 T cement	Murmansk
Tosno	17 Aug	None	2 Sep	7000 T cement	Murmansk
Pixkow	27 Aug	None	3 Sep	1000 T cement coal	-----
Kola	27 Aug	None	4 Sep	2000 T cement coal	-----
Kuban	8 Sep	None	18 Sep	3000 T cement	-----
Pixkow	9 Sep	None	18 Sep	1000 T cement coal	-----
Dogawa	15 Sep	None	19 Sep	1000 T cement coal	-----
Lowat	17 Sep	None	20 Sep	2000 T cement coal	East Prussia
Lowat	24 Sep	None	27 Sep	2000 T cement coal	East Prussia
Kuban	25 Sep	None	30 Sep	3000 T cement	-----
Dniepropetrovsk	28 Sep	None	2 Oct	2000 T cement coal	-----
Kola	29 Sep	None	2 Oct	2000 T cement coal	-----
Pamirka	30 Sep	Iron Ore	2 Oct	Left with 320 people who had been brought to Gdansk on Soviet lighters and were probably Polish prisoners. They were tied together, had bands over their faces, and were loaded with the help of special baskets.	
Otto Schmidt	5 Oct	Iron Ore	15 Oct	3000 T cement	Murmansk
Birota	15 Oct	None		3000 T cement	Murmansk
L1 <u>/sic/</u>	15 Oct	None		3000 T cement	Murmansk

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